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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby voluntarily disclose the references listed on the attached Form PTO-SB/08a to the Commissioner for Patents. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of any Office Action concerning the merits of the above-captioned application has been received.

It is requested that these documents be officially made of record and considered by the Examiner in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. A copy of an excerpt from the non-patent literature document is attached herewith. If the Examiner would like Applicants to submit the complete handbook section (510 Sugar Spheres), please so advise.

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requested to conduct an independent and thorough review of the information, and to form independent opinions as to their significance.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached PTO/SB/08a and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that the cited information has been considered.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this Information Disclosure Statement. The Director is, however, authorized to charge any fees believed due to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted.

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